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Thanks

.. To those who supported our year 7 and 8 Athletics Team at this week's interschool tournament.

.. To those who have dropped by to view art portfolios in the library

.. To Ruth and Clinton Telfer who spent all day last Saturday visiting and judging our school gardens .. these people are legends!

.. **Thank you very much to Mary and Ken for generously offering the use of their farm; thanks to the planning/riding team Alina, Nigel, Shelley; thanks to the admin people Sue Woffindin, and Kate, Karmelle, Toby for helping; thanks to Justin for parking etc; and organising lunch Mary, Neroli and Cherie; and office admin thanks to Helen.**

Term Calendar

Please pencil these dates into your calendar.

9 December - School Team Athletics Day

13 December - Reports home

16 December - School Prize Giving

18 December - Final day

Early Finish

Please take special note that school finishes at mid-day on Wednesday 18 December. This means that parents are asked ..

.. to please pick their children up at this earlier time if they travel home by car

.. to note that buses will leave APPROXIMATELY three hours earlier on this day (approximate only as unpredictable loadings can heavily influence drop off times)

Lost Property

Please drop by to check the lost property bin sometime over the next couple of weeks. Items unclaimed by term's end will be donated to charities.

People of the week

.. Rochelle Williams .. OFFICIAL notice this week ... now a fully registered teacher. Congratulations Rochelle ... great results in your room this year ... you have a promising career ahead of you.

.. Congratulations to the following children for their great results representing our school in the Zone Athletics last week:

Amy Sampson - 1st Discus, 3rd 300m sprints and High Jump; Breanna Griffin - 3rd Shotput; Ben Rickey 3rd 300m sprints; Toby Murfitt 3rd High Jump and Tyrone Fred 1st Discus and 2nd Shotput

School Team Athletics Day – 9 December (NEW DATE)

You might like to drop by Monday 9 December to share our Team Athletics Day with us. As in earlier years the day will start with a rotation through various field and novelty events and culminate in competitive and social track events and a brief award ceremony at the end of the day. **Gets underway at 9:20, lunch 12:20 to 1:00, prizegiving 2:40 (approx.)** Please ensure children have their water bottle (named), sunhats, sunblock, suitable (sun safe) clothing and suitable footwear.

Please note that, if the weather is unkind to us again, there will be no further postponement date.

*Thanks to **Alastair Rickey Decorating** who are sponsors of this year's Team Athletics Event.*

2013 Prize Giving

Parents and Extended Family

Please keep the evening of Monday 16th December free for our annual prize giving.

The evening will start at 7:00pm and will conclude approx 8.30pm with a supper.

Grandparents are welcome.

Families are asked to bring two plates please for a shared supper

– to be placed on tables which will (hopefully) be set up in the hall.

Remember that attendance on this night is quite optional for 5 year olds

(all other children are asked to be present please).

A reminder that, if weather necessitates prize giving will be held 7:00 PM Tuesday 17 December.

End of Year Prizegiving – Pre-schoolers

If you have a pre-schooler who will be attending prizegiving and you would like them to get a small bag of goodies on the night please give Helen a call on Monday.

ALSO .. if we proceed with an outdoor prizegiving (**weather permitting**) we ask that parents of pre-schoolers supervise their children closely to ensure that the children on the stage are properly acknowledged. **Please ensure pre-schoolers do not play on the nearby junior playground.** We will set up some DVDs in the library in case some time out is needed.

Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

A final reminder that parents who have assisted the school in any way whatsoever this year are invited to a Parent Helpers' Morning Tea in the school hall starting 10:30 AM Tuesday 10 December. This is our chance to say thank you for the contributions you have made to the school over 2014.

Junior readers

If you have readers at home please get these to school on Monday as we will be doing a stocktake. Please check under beds, in the bottom of schoolbags etc. It is important that all books are returned so we have complete sets.

Year 3 Portfolios

Very soon Portfolio's for Year 3's will be sent home. These are not required to be returned as new ones will be issued at the beginning of Year 4 and will remain with them until Year 8.

Junior Show

.. A reminder that the Junior school will present their Rainbow Fish Show at 2:00 PM on Wednesday 11th in the hall. All welcome ... including extended family. Refer earlier note for details or contact Rachael with any questions.

Traffic in the upper carpark and around the school

Parents are asked to note that a number of building projects get underway early next year. There will inevitably be trade vehicles coming and going from school and some areas of the carpark and drop off area(s) will be cordoned off. The aim will be to have safety as the top priority and to minimise inconvenience to parents. **Over this period parents are asked to be extra vigilant when they drop off and pick up their children.** The Board will likely devise a traffic safety plan closer to the date and so watch this space.

After School Labs

.. finished this week .. i.e. **no labs next week.** Thank you to Katie and Simon for your conscientious input and to parents who juggled their commitments so children could attend these labs. You will be pleased to know that the board and staff have committed to providing further labs in 2014 .. more to follow.

Classes for 2014

Class lists for 2014 will be displayed on the hall notice board on the afternoon of 13 December.

Whanau Hui

This will be held Friday 13 December. From 4:00 PM. Mihi and Karakia 4:30. 5:00 Korero. 5:30 Kai. Those who have been part of the consultation process are encouraged to be in attendance if they can make it.

Drink Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a drink bottle to school each day to place on their desk. Water is best.

Leaving Books

A final reminder that Year 8 leaving books are required at school on **9 December** please. Thank you for assisting in the selection of these books.

Badminton

Last session for the year will be Tuesday 10th December.

Scholastic Book Club Issue 8

This issue has now closed. Thank you to all those who have purchased from Scholastics over the year. Your purchases have provided our school library with many new books.

2014 School Stationery

As for 2013, stationery will need to be ordered online via the OfficeMax website - www.myschool.co.nz



Search for Matarau School and then your child's class. You will find complete class stationery lists with unit prices. Again as for 2013, the school has passed on its reward points to families (who purchase online) , gaining you a further 10% cost advantage (possibly still the only school in NZ that does this). Orders can be placed across the holidays for delivery before school starts. A brochure will be sent home shortly explaining the process. If you do not have internet access please contact Helen for a printed list.

Finally ..

Q. What do you get if you cross a turkey with a banjo?

A. A bird that plucks itself.

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
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Missing Dog

If anyone has seen a black 'toy poodle' (breed) please contact Michelle on 4335061 or 0274810450.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Work Wanted - to occupy (regular or casual) 16yr old from end November, responsible and reliable, ph William Dorahy on 4335512.

For Sale - QUAD 110CC 3 SPEED and REVERSE \$500 ono Phone: Daniel 4335 966

For Sale - "Real pine Christmas trees for sale from \$20 - \$40, approx 2m - 3m tall. Pickup opposite the kindy Thursday 12/Friday 13 December after school or email to arrange a different day - drop off can be arranged if you are close to school/kindy. Pre-book a tree so you don't miss out donna@digitype.co.nz "

For Rent - From 12 Jan 2014 Approx, Warm, sunny, Dip Rd home, 3 large bdrms, easy care, flat, fenced section, large private deck, walk to Hurupaki school/kindy or Jane Mander Rest-home, doctor, shop (or under 10mins to Matarau), school sports grounds 50m. Large single lockup garage and off street parking. \$330 pw pls call 027-4352786 or 09-4350230

For Sale - Investment Opportunity Or Large Family Solution, Double renter in Kamo in quiet cul-de-sac: (tenants would love to stay), Sunny north-facing 3 bdrm, 2 lounge house, with huge permitted 2 bdrm flat underneath. Own separate private areas, decks and parking. Perfect if you want to live in one and rent out the other, or bring the grandies for the ideal extended family situation. 2 great homes for the price of less than 1 ½! Too many features to list. Call for details 0274352786 or 09-4350230.

Hurupaki Educare - January Holiday Programme 2014 - Monday 6th January for 4 weeks, 8.00am to 5.30pm, based in the Hurupaki School Hall. Activities include trips to the movies x 3, beach trips x 2, ten pin bowling x 2, hip hop dancing, skating, remote control offroad cars, party days, balloons and bubbles, along with other action packed days, OSCAR accredited,. Discounts available for two or more children from the one family. To view the holiday programme online, go to www.schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz or contracts are available from the School Office, After School Care or contract Christin on 0274-821331 or info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz for more information.

All Stars-Kids in Action OSCAR school holiday programme, Monday 16th - Friday 20th December 2013, Monday 13th - Friday 17th January 2014, Monday 20th - Friday 24th January 2014, Activities include sports, arts, crafts & baking, swimming, lazer maze, 10 pin bowling, team building/leadership skills. Raumanga (The Pulse), \$35.00per day, 5-14 years. Enquiries & bookings welcome, please contact: Paul on (021) 951-925 or (09)436-3045 e: paul@kidsinaction.co.nz, www.kidsinaction.co.nz

Northland Golf Club. Coaching sessions for new & developing Junior Golfers are now available (both Primary & Intermediate ages).

Ruatangata Church - Service, Sunday 8th December @ 11.30am. All welcome. Save the church for the community.

Christmas Carols - Sunday 15th December, 7.30pm, Ruatangata Hall.

Hikurangi Rugby Club Rally Day - 22nd of February 2014 from 10am-2pm. Come and register to play in the upcoming season. Get weighed and have a run around with your future team mates.

Parents we need your help. If you are interested in being a coach or manager of a team, please contact Kasey on 021542426. We can't do it without your support. Season starts in April.

Free Holiday Programme - Proudly sponsored by the Ministry of Social Development, One Week holiday programme - Monday to Friday - 9.00am to 1.00pm, **When:** 5 Different Weeks to choose from - Week 1 Dec 16th - 20th; Week 2 Jan 6th - 10th; Week 3 Jan 13th - 17th; Week 4 Jan 20th - 24th; Week 5 Jan 29th - Feb 1st, **Where:** Whangarei Intermediate School Hall, **Who:** Children Aged 8 to 14 years old, **Activities:** Sports, Arts and Crafts, Hip Hop Dancing, Trips to Roundhouse Kick Boxing and the Whangarei Aquatic Centre. **Costs: Everything FREE.** To register call 09-4596909 and leave your details on the answer phone; name, phone number and week you wish your child/ren to attend or email info@hardcoredance.co.nz **We will get back to you to confirm your registration.** Register now...limited spaces.

Whangarei Academy of Gymnastics Christmas Holiday Program - Thur 19 Dec, Fri 20 Dec, Mon 23 Dec, Full Day \$35 9.30am-4.00pm, half day \$20 9.30am-12.30 or 12.30-4.00pm, 5-14 yr old, Loads of activities. Bring your own snacks/lunch/drink. Numbers limited. Ph 4376667 or wags.gym@xtra.co.nz to make a booking.



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